

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 697
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to commend Rachel Nicole Hut for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Nicole Hut is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Chairman Leslie Winningham and the House Education Committee; Rachel's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born November 9, 1982, in Houston, Texas, to Peter R. and Joanne B. Hut, Rachel Hut graduated from Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro where she played alto saxophone in the Riverdale Warrior Marching Band and was voted "Best Senior Girl"; and

WHEREAS, a May 2005 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she was highly regarded by her peers, Rachel achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; she is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, a member of the National Dean's List, and the recipient of the Tom John's Outstanding Community Service Award, 2001 Riverdale High School College Activities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hut was a Resident Assistant for the UT Department of Housing in Clement Hall, directed the Diversity Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association (SGA), and was a member of the Student Judicial Board and the Student Tribunal; as an SGA member, she also belonged to the Government Affairs committee and was SGA Campaigns policy director for 2004; and

WHEREAS, having graduated *cum laude*, Rachel has been accepted by many competitive Masters of Public Administration programs, including the University of Georgia, the State University of New York at Albany, UT Knoxville and the University of Kansas, and she has selected the University of Kansas for her pursuit of her MPA; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Rachel Hut brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; her superb organizational and administrative skills as a “paper pusher” contributed greatly to the committee’s work; and

WHEREAS, Rachel entered wholeheartedly into group activities of the 2005 intern class, serving as Campaign Manager for Intern Speaker Kurt Hippel and as Majority Leader for the Intern Mock session and Chief of Staff to the Intern Speaker; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Ms. Hut has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Rachel has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Rachel Nicole Hut for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Chairman Leslie Winningham and the House Education Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.